

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of
STEPHEN F. GASS****Date: March 31, 2004****Serial No.: 09/676,190****Examiner Boyer D. Ashley****Filed: September 29, 2000****Group Art Unit 3724****For: SAFETY SYSTEMS FOR POWER EQUIPMENT****RECEIVED
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MAR 3 1 2004**OFFICIAL****THIRD AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003.

Please amend the claims as set forth on the following pages 2-6. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7. A Second Declaration of Dr. Stephen F. Gass accompanies this amendment.